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### VEILED THREAT BY INDONESIANS

BATAVIA, OCT. 23. THE UNRECOGNISED SOEKARNO "GOVERNMENT" YES-TERDAY INFORMED LT. GEN. SIR PHILIP CHRISTISON THAT IT CANNOT GUARANTEE THE SAFETY OF 250,000 DUTCH AND EURASIANS IN INDONESIA AND ASSERTED THAT ENDLESS BLOODSHED WOULD RESULT IF MORE DUTCH TROOPS LANDED. DR. SOEKARNO IN A LETTER ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE BRITISH ARMY AIMS AND PROTESTED AGAINST BRITISH INVOLVEMENT IN INTERNAL POLITICS BY "SUPPORTING AND BUTTERING THE DUTCH AGAINST US."

Batavia, Oct. 23. A British spokesman of the Allied Headquarters said that eleven Dutch officers were killed by a mob in the mountains between Batavia and Bandung while nine Dutch nationals were killed by Indonesian extremists after being removed from Buitenzorg prison camp. Associated Press.

**GANGS ACTIVE**  
Reports from areas in Java outside British-controlled cities indicate that Europeans and Eurasians continue to be rounded up by gangs, said a 23rd British Division spokesman, quoted by the Netherlands News Agency to-night.

Dr. Soekarno has arrived in Batavia. He stated that he had been touring the country, and believed that he had succeeded in

calming down the extremists. Associated Press.

**SEMARANG DAMPED DOWN**  
There was comparative quietness in the Dutch island of Java where Gurkha troops were today in full control of Semarang, the third largest city in Java.

The Indonesian Nationalists still hold the mountainous country outside its walls, a Netherlands News Agency despatch from Batavia reported.

Following the agreement between the allied troops, Nationalists and Japanese, the Japanese forces will be entirely withdrawn from Semarang while all Indonesians in the city, except the regular police who are cooperating with the Gurkhas, will lay down their arms.

**AMBARAWA FATE UNKNOWN**  
Gurkha troops have taken over the allied prisoners of war and interned camps in Semarang itself, but news was still awaited of the inmates of the camp of Ambarawa, twenty miles south of the city and other places in that area.

Mystery surrounds the activities of Doctor Soekarno, President of the "Indonesian Republic" who has been absent from Batavia for eighteen days. Doctor Soekarno, Foreign Minister of the Republic Government told Reuters in Batavia to-day that the President is resting up country. It may be a month before he comes back.

This statement was followed by contradictory reports which have been sweeping Batavia for a week to the effect that one, he had been kidnapped and two, that he had gone into the interior in an attempt to check disorders. Associated Press.

**ADVISER ARRIVES**  
M. E. D. Denning, chief political adviser to Lord Louis Mountbatten, arrived to-day to investigate the Java political situation.

Some sources said the British advised the Dutch not to send troops in large numbers at present. They said the Dutch had complied with British suggestions to demilitarize Netherlands colonies.

**BATAVIA, OCT. 23.**  
BRIGADIER ROBIN PAFE, AMERICAN LIAISON OFFICER ATTACHED TO THE SOUTH-EAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, ARRIVED HERE TO-DAY FOR A FIRST LOOK INTO THE TENSE POLITICAL SITUATION IN JAVA.

He emphasized that he was merely an observer declaring that the United States had no political interests in Indonesia and that no American troops would be sent here.

Mr. William Foote, American Consul-General before the Japanese invasion, arrived in Batavia yesterday, and began a round of interviews both with the Dutch and the Indonesian leaders. Associated Press.

**LINER SAILS**  
The giant Dutch liner "New Amsterdam" is sailing for the Netherlands Indies to-morrow with a large number of Dutch troops on board. Associated Press.

### Good News For R.A.F.

London, Oct. 23. Wing-Commander John Strachey, during the debate on demobilisation, disclosed that a revised R.A.F. programme would permit not Group 28 to be out by June next but up to Group 32. This change would tax the resources of the R.A.F. to the utmost.—Reuters.

### Hong Kong Escaped By Few Days

WASHINGTON, OCT. 23. LT. GEN. ALBERT C. WEDMEYER TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE TO-DAY THAT JAPAN SURRENDERED JUST IN TIME TO HEAD OFF A CHINESE OFFENSIVE DRIVING TO THE COAST TO LIBERATE CANTON AND HONG KONG.

He said the jump-off was set for August 18. "We hoped to take these objectives by October 15," he said. The military force included 20 divisions of American-trained Chinese-commanded troops, supported by the 10th and 14th air forces and United States navy air elements.

Wedemeyer said he had found Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek friendly and cooperative. "I think he is straightforward and sincere in his desire to help his people," the general said.

He said the Generalissimo and Madame Chiang are planning a trip to the United States. He said he didn't blame Major-General Chennault for not liking to be superseded in command when the Chinese theatre air commander.—Associated Press.

### Protest To Russia

London, Oct. 23. A Foreign Office spokesman detailed the British and the United States protest to Russia against the Soviet's proposed trade pact with Rumania and Bulgaria, as well as Hungary. The basis of the protest, according to the spokesman, was that it was improper for one member of the Allied Control Commission to negotiate pacts with the enemy even before the peace treaties were worked out.

It is understood that the Bulgarian and Rumanian pacts were less drastic than that of Hungary which would give Russia fifty per cent control of all vital parts of Hungarian economy.—Associated Press.

### U.S. Navy Head Wants No Merger

WASHINGTON, OCT. 23. THE NAVY SECRETARY, MR. JAMES FORRESTAL, TOLD THE SENATE MILITARY COMMITTEE THAT THE PROPOSED MERGER OF THE WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS IS REVOLUTIONARY AND UNSOUND. THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY OFFERED AS A SUBSTITUTE THE POST-WAR PLAN OF THE ARMED FORCES, CALLING FOR A CONTINUATION OF THE PRESENT WAR AND NAVY DEPARTMENTS AND THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL.

The President would preside over the Council which would comprise the Secretaries of State for War, the Navy and the Chairman of the proposed National Security Resources Board. The backers of the merger count on President Truman throwing his weight behind the idea.

### Finance Expert's Hint To U.S.

NEW YORK, OCT. 23. THE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCE OF NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, IN A BULLETIN ENTITLED "THE POUND STERLING AND THE STERLING AREA AFTER WORLD WAR NO. 2" STATES THAT IF NO ADEQUATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS GRANTED TO BRITAIN, SHE WILL BE COMPELLED TO ADOPT THE BEST SUITED MEASURE FOR HER OWN NEEDS.

THE MOST IMPORTANT MEASURES WOULD BE: ONE, REFUSAL TO RATIFY THE BRETON-WOODS AGREEMENTS; TWO, DEVALUATION OF THE POUND STERLING; THREE, CONTINUING AND EVEN WIDENING THE STERLING AREAS; AND RAISING WALLS AROUND IT BY ENACTING MORE RIGID FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESTRICTIONS.

It is generally believed that if adequate financial assistance is granted by the United States during the next two to three years, Britain will be able gradually to extricate herself from her difficult post-war position and adopt the principles embodied in the Bretton-Woods Agreement.

Discussing the future international value of the Pound sterling, the bulletin states: "The Pound Sterling is the key currency of the Sterling area and hence its international value is of considerable importance as it determines the gold or dollar value of currencies of the sterling bloc countries."

The pound will exercise a very strong influence on the currencies of some western European countries and of other countries which have recently concluded financial agreements with Britain.

Changes in international values of the Pound Sterling always reflected in the movement of the Canadian Dollar.

**FAIR-REACHING EFFECT**  
Action by the British Government concerning the international value of the Pound is

likely to have a far-reaching effect on the foreign trade of the United States and, ultimately, on the value of the United States Dollar in terms of gold. He points out that one of the principal aims of the British Government was to prevent an inflationary spiral and to maintain the purchasing power of the Pound at about the present level, adding that the exchange rate of the Pound in terms of Dollars in the long run will depend on the competitive position of the United States and Britain, which in turn will be determined by several factors of which the most important is the price level.—Reuters.

### Scattered Skirmishes In N. China

SHANGHAI, OCT. 23. BRAWLING NORTH CHINA IS NO NEARER A SOLUTION OF ITS MANY POLITICAL-MILITARY PROBLEMS THAN FOUR WEEKS AGO. Chinese government troops have been landed in Tientsin, outskirts of Peking and in a small island off Chefoo, via American air naval transports. United States Marines were landed in those areas on September 30.

There has been some gun-firing in scattered sectors from Tientsin to the railway linking Peking and Tientsin.

A marine gasoline train was fired upon three nights ago, one coach being riddled with bullets from rapid-fire guns.

Chinese Communists are strongly placed at Chefoo where there could be fighting if the Central Government decided to send troops to that area. The Communists have told the American Naval officers at Chefoo that they did not object to American troops in China so long as they did not help the nationalists. Roving bands have kept shanting traffic at a standstill. The latest estimate of the rail traffic between Shanghai and North China is that it will not open before Spring. Associated Press.

### Singapore Strike

SINGAPORE, OCT. 23. BRITISH TROOPS AND JAPANESE PRISONERS WORKED ON SINGAPORE'S WHARVES DURING MONDAY UNLOADING SHIPS AS THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE DOCK WORKERS CONTINUED THEIR UNAUTHORIZED STRIKE. Representatives of 72 Singapore Labour Unions held a meeting in which they presented a series of demands to the British Military Administration, including the release of ten Union members who were arrested by the police and an apology from the policeman who allegedly mistreated the Union President.—Associated Press.

PARIS, OCT. 23. MR. BIRLA, THE INDIAN EMPLOYERS' DELEGATE TO THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE TO-DAY CALLED UPON THE REPRESENTATIVES OF FORTY-FIVE MEMBER STATES OF THE I.L.O. TO RECOGNISE "THAT THE FREEDOM OF THE PEOPLE OF ASIATIC COUNTRIES IS THE FOUNDATION OF FUTURE PLANNING OF THE WORLD AS THIS ALONE THE SOLID STRUCTURE OF WORLD PEACE AND PROSPERITY CAN BE BUILT."

"We must choose," he said, "a peaceful world which will bestow not only political peace, but economic peace on all."

Whilst recognising the gravity of the situation facing Europe Mr. Birla stressed the need of giving greater attention than was being done to the complex problem of the Asiatic countries where the after-effects of the war had not been less serious.

China, Burma and Malaya had undergone the ravages of war to such an extent that their already enfeebled economy had been simply shattered.

In India too the strain of war on her economy had been considerable, as had been amply proved by the Bengal famine.

Mr. Birla said: "India wants to improve her standard of living. This is essential for equator and poverty will always remain a danger to peace and prosperity." He saw, however, no hope of a bright future for India and for the raising of living of her people till question of her foreign assets was satisfactorily solved and capital goods were made available for her industrialization.

**BLOCKED ASSETS**  
Mr. Birla protested against the blocking by Britain of one thousand million Sterling of Indian assets accumulated during the war. The Empire dollar-pool should be dissolved, he said. Foreign exchange that had accrued to India and would accrue to her hereafter should be allocated to India.

If these assets were realised India would be able to purchase more freely in the world markets and thus contribute appreciably towards the expansion of world trade and prosperity.

Comparing the pace of industrialisation in Canada and Australia with India, Mr. Birla said, "India's vast potential resources have remained untapped."—Reuters.

### Asahi Story Of Plot Against Tojo

TOKYO, OCT. 23. THE NEWSPAPER "ASAHI" DISCLOSED TO-DAY THAT EX-PREMIER TOJO HAD OUTBLUFFED SENIOR STATESMEN AND ROYAL PRINCES WHO HAD PLOTTED HIS DOWNFALL.

THE PAPER SAID THAT TOJO, IN THE STORMY AUGUST, 1943, SESSION HAD BLOCKED THEIR PLAN TO FORCE HIS RESIGNATION AND ULTIMATELY OUST THE MILITARISTS.

Tojo had threatened to "carry on the war on my own responsibility," the "Asahi" reported, and, according to this paper, the anti-Tojoists lacked the assurance to protest to the Emperor whereupon Tojo himself complained, to Hirohito of the Princes' plot.

Seigo Nakano, Member of the House of Representatives and the anti-Tojo leader, subsequently committed suicide.

Other anti-Tojoists included Princes Takamatsu, Higashikuni Kaya and Konoye, Admiral Okada, Admiral Yonai and Koki Hirota, all ex-Premiers.—Associated Press.

### New Club For Troops

HONG KONG'S LATEST AMENITY FOR TROOPS IS THE ST. NICHOLAS CLUB, WHICH HAS JUST BEEN OPENED ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF KING'S BUILDING, NEXT DOOR TO THE AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS AND ALMOST OPPOSITE THE FERRY.

Managed and run by Father Meyer, an American who voluntarily remained at Stanley Camp during the occupation, the club—although a Catholic organisation will welcome men of all denominations, its sole object being to provide a place rest and eat in comfort.

The club consists of a lounge and reading room with a good radio, a smaller writing room and a large room which will hold 200 at a time for meals. Tea and cakes, eggs, fish, steak and chips are available at reasonable prices, and there is no membership or entrance fee. The club is open daily until 9 p.m.

**ARMY RELEASES**  
London, Oct. 23. Military release dates for other ranks announced by the War Office are as follows: Group 21, November 12-21; Group 22, Nov. 25-December 6; Group 23, Dec. 7-20; Group 24, Dec. 21 and a date to be announced later.

Officers in Group 21 will be released between November 12 and early January.—Reuters.

**BRITISH NAVAL CASUALTIES**  
London, Oct. 23. The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, has announced that Britain's war-time naval casualties totalled 55,549 men, of which 49,805 were killed and 1,693 are missing.—Associated Press.

### EMPEROR WORSHIP

TOKYO, OCT. 23. THE EMPEROR SYSTEM BECAME AN ACTIVE FUNDAMENTAL POLITICAL ISSUE TO-DAY WHEN TWO FLEDGLING PARTIES DEMANDED ITS RETENTION AS PLANKS IN THEIR PLATFORMS.

The preparatory committee of a party seeking reform of old-time political-party elements listed two planks: unqualified defence of the emperor system and a determined fight against both communism and liberalism.

The "Liberal party" vowed to uphold and defend Japan's structure, including the Emperor institution.—Associated Press.

**OH YEAH!**  
Prince Fumimaro Konoye, in a statement to-day, said: "Emperor Hirohito has appointed us to secure stronger Parliament, capable of being a guiding influence in Japan's political affairs."

The Prince said that the increased power of the Diet will be a safeguard against the "future misuse of the Constitution."—Associated Press.

### Daladier Dizzy

Paris, Oct. 23. Herewith the record of the last twenty-four hours in the electoral life of Edouard Daladier. The sixty-one year-old Radical leader and Prime Minister of France at the time of Munich and the outbreak of war was declared defeated late last night.

It was later officially stated, however that he had been elected.

A further official statement later said that this was a mistake but an official announcement shortly afterwards to-day declared that he had been elected.

It was officially stated to-night, again, that he had been defeated.

There the matters remain for the moment.

Daladier had a stormy electoral campaign in his home department of Vaucluse where there was much throwing of tomatoes and rotten eggs.—Reuters.

**PHILIPPINE FUNDS FREED**  
Washington, Oct. 23. A bill freeing U.S.\$71,000,000 in Philippine funds frozen in the United States was approved unanimously to-day by the House ways and means committee. The measure, already approved by the Senate, is expected to come before the House in a few days. Resident Commissioner Carlos Romulo said the Philippines' need of the funds is "most urgent."—Associated Press.

Washington, Oct. 23. President Truman has nominated Mr. Arthur H. Brown to be United States Minister to New Zealand.—Associated Press.



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## RICE SUBSIDY

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Official figures released yesterday reveal that Government's commendable effort to keep down the living costs of the mass of the Chinese population of this Colony involves a subsidy far in excess of that commonly believed. Exact totals are difficult to compute, but it is safe to say that the daily cost of supplying rice to the public at 20 cents a catty is in the neighbourhood of \$140,000 a day or \$4,000,000 a month. Even in these days of monetary anarchy that seems an enormous figure, for on the basis of a Chinese population of approximately half a million, it amounts to nothing less than a donation to every Chinese man, woman and child in the Colony.

Woman and child in the colony of \$8 per head per month. How long it is possible to go on at this rate must be a matter very much in the minds of the Executive. It represents social service financing on a scale that obviously cannot be maintained indefinitely. Only the complex circumstances of the moment could possibly justify it. For

that reason, we should feel far happier about looking at the spectacle in a sort of dazed admiration if there were no assurance that Government's extreme generosity was not being seriously abused. Four million dollars a month in order that the poor may eat can be contemplated with relative equanimity. If, on the other hand, any appreciable proportion of that formidable total is being diverted into the pockets of black market operators, it is a matter demanding strictest investigation and speedy remedy. The evidence appears to

overwhelming. Good rice, for some reason or other, cannot be obtained from the official rice retailers. What they have to offer is uniformly of poor grade. The question, therefore, revolves on a simple enough point, is the rice in the possession of Government's agents? If it is, the same poor quality? If it is, there is little more to be said. The good quality black market rice that sells freely at 60 cents a catty—against the law—is smug—able to meet an understandable demand. Such an explanation, however, appears altogether too easy. Somewhere, there's a nigger in the woodpile, one that urgently wants digging out. Since, practically, it would be disastrous to call an end to the subsidy at this juncture, the more necessary it is to ensure that we get full value or it.

## Film Premieres

ALL NEW FILMS ARRIVING IN HONG KONG ARE TO HAVE THEIR PREMIERE AT THE CHINA FLEET CLUB THEATRE. BY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE R.N. FILM CENTRE, IT WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY.

One of the most important, the technical production of "Henry" with Laurence Olivier in the leading role, will be arriving in Hong Kong in a few days. This film has broken all London records and is still showing after 12 months.

- It is intended to show films twice daily at the China Fleet Club theatre as from Sunday and there will be a change of programme twice a week.
- Next week's attractions are "Hollywood Canteen" and "The Man from Music Mountain," starring Roy Rogers, "The Singing Cowboy."
- The Fleet Club theatre is available for ships' concerts or entertainments on application, to the Manager.

For unlawful possession of two sacks of cement, Cheung Nin, was fined \$100 or four weeks' simple imprisonment by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday.

Accused was seen by L/Cpl. Palmer, of the Royal Marines, in Vanchal Gap carrying the cement from a house under construction.

Washington, Oct. 20.  
The War Department has disclosed that the two-million mark has passed in the releasing of army personnel. — Associated Press.

REMARKABLE OFFICIAL STORY OF THE EXPLOITS OF THE EAST INDIES FLEET IN THE LAST YEAR OF THE WAR.

The fleet succeeded to the extent of reducing Japanese shipping in this area to a state of medievalism; fragile wooden craft of a score tons or so, which scraped the very beaches as they ran up the coast, so afraid were they of the menace of the deeper water. Not that they were much safer close inshore. British pilots and submarines said they burned beautifully. Whole convoys of them carrying petrol, ammunition or food were wiped out remorselessly. A line of rising smoke along the beach was the only sign of their

These facts will explain the somewhat meagre tonnage of ships sunk by British submarines in the East Indies this last year; only 30,000. But it represents the 237 light craft which were destroyed.

The well-equipped ships of Japan's pre-war merchant fleet that had risked themselves in these waters were a line of melancholy wrecks on the bottom, and there was nothing to replace them either from stock or from the building lines. They were being sunk too quickly in the other ocean by the Americans.

The last challenge to the British blockade of the Malacca Strait was made by a Nachi class cruiser later in May. British submarines

PARIS, OCT. 23.  
THE FIRST GENERAL ELECTION IN NINE YEARS HAS  
PLACED ALMOST AN UNQUALIFIED STAMP OF AP-  
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WHERE THEY WERE EM  
BARKED EN ROUTE TO  
STANLEY PRISON.

The contingent comprised another group against whom sufficient evidence has been drawn up on maltreatment charges to warrant this procedure. The Commandos provided escort.

A gradual weeding-out is taking place at Shamshulpo, where Japanese civilian internees of questionable status have also been transferred from Whittier Barracks pending enquiries.

TWO CHINESE GIRLS AND A JAPANESE WERE ARRESTED ON MONDAY AS A RESULT OF A RAID BY THE POLICE ON NO. 2, MOSQUE STREET, UPPER LEVELS.

The girls were alleged to have concealed the Japanese on the premises over since the British took over the island.

It was understood that the girls, Yip Sau-ying, 19 and Yau Wai-tuen, 17, will be brought before the Summary Military Court.

A Japanese civilian escaped from Whittfield Barracks was taken into custody by Commando at Sheungshui in the New Territories after being at liberty for three days. Details of the escape and capture are not

Pearl Harbour, Oct. 23.  
The United States Fleet Headquarters has announced that, effective from November 15th, all war correspondents accredited to the Pacific will assume the status of civilian correspondents. As

'Three months' hard labour was imposed on Lai Kwong-wai, at the Summary Military Court yesterday, for stealing £17 from Mr. Arthur Ryan in Queen's Road Central in May.

London, Oct. 23.  
Andrei Gromyko, Soviet  
Ambassador to the United  
States, in response to a ques-  
tion, said to-day that he had  
"no information to support"  
rumours that Josef Stalin is  
gravely ill. Gromyko is at-  
tending the United Nations  
executive committee meeting  
here.—Associated Press.

Sir,—Since the arrival of the military forces in Hong Kong enquiries have been received regarding the future of the many graves, both Service and Civilian, which are located all over the Island and mainland.

So far the following action has been taken by this H.Q.:

1. A notice was put in all papers asking for information on this matter and making it known that this matter had already been received. In addition, fairly accurate and complete plans and nominal rolls have been obtained of graves at Stanley, Bowen Road and Hong Kong and Kowloon.

2. South Pacific Command has been urgently requested to send to Hong Kong as soon as possible a Graves Registration Unit. On arrival this unit will make a systematic search of the whole area and will endeavour to identify all graves found, take photographs, erect temporary crosses and as far as possible make a complete list of the graves.

3. Allied Services men and women are being killed in the battle or died subsequently.

When this unit has done everything possible, a decision will be made regarding the future of these graves and in all probability it will be decided that a suitable site or sites will be purchased, and the Central War Cemeteries formed, as is being done in all countries where the Allies have fought in this war. This work is carried out by a Graves Concentration Unit in conjunction with the Imperial War Graves Commission who are ultimately responsible for the upkeep of these cemeteries.

The new Air Commander-in-Chief, South-East Asia, in place of the late Air Chief Marshal Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory, is Air Marshal Sir Keith Park, who has been Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Middle East Command, Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, since January 1944.

In March, 1940, he became Air Officer Commanding, No. 11 Group, Fighter Command, which bore the brunt of the fighting in the Battle of Britain.

He was born in 1892 at Thames, New Zealand, and was educated in New Zealand. He served with the New Zealand forces in Gallipoli before transferring to the Royal Flying Corps in 1917.

Lt.-Cmdr. B. A. Proulx, of the Royal Canadian Navy, who fought through the attack on Hong Kong is a member of the H.K. Naval Volunteer Force and succeeded in escaping from the Colony after

Colonel J. M. T. Churchill, D.S.O., M.C., is at present commanding the garrison in Kowloon as well as 8 Commando Brigade, having taken over temporarily from Brigadier Harty.

An official statement from the South East Asia Command states: "By October 19th the R.A.P.W.I. Organisation of South East Asia Command had seen 75,632 former prisoners and internees safely on their way home.

These persons had been assembled and despatched from camps all over South East Asia and some of them came initially from places outside the command such as Shanghai and Manila. After being cleared from their respective territories the liberated prisoners are assembled in transit camps in Singapore or Rangoon (the two clearing centres of the command) and are thence re-allocated to India, Australia or Great Britain.

French Indo-China, Sumatra, Burma and the Andamons have been entirely cleared of British Empire nationals while only 337 remain in Java where the political situation has delayed the scheme, 1,000 in Siam, and 680 Indians in Malaya. Hong Kong still has 62 British and 340 Indians beside 370

French Indo-China and the Netherlands East Indies where they were scheduled for initial acuation."

**E. R. COULSON ON WAY TO VANCOUVER**

Mr. E. R. Coulson, of the Hong Kong Dairy Farm & Cold Storage Co., recently passed through Nanai en route to Vancouver, B. C., after having been, throughout the war, in a Japanese Prison camp near Tokyo. He was there under a forced labour draft in an iron band.

Lt.-Cmdr. Victor Glover, of the Royal Canadian Navy, was in San Francisco last April on a visit to a family. He was, for more than 20 years, stationed in Iceland.



# Churchill 'Mischievous' On Demobilisation

LONDON, Oct. 23. EX-PRIME MINISTER, MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL TO-DAY URGED BRITAIN'S LABOUR GOVERNMENT TO ACCELERATE THE DEMOBILISATION OF THE ARMED FORCES AND DECLARED: "THE TASK OF HOLDING GERMANY DOWN WILL NOT BE A HARD ONE. IT WILL BE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO HOLD HER UP."

MR. CHURCHILL TOLD THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT THE OCCUPATION OF GERMANY AND THE LOW COUNTRIES SHOULD REQUIRE NO MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND TROOPS, WITH THE SAME NUMBER REQUIRED FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN ZONE.

Mr. Churchill said that Government figures up to June 30, 1946, proposed a reduction to 1,156,000, but why should time be wasted in reaching that total. At December 31, there would still be 2,343,000 in the Army eight months after the war with Germany had ended—far too many. By energetic methods the Government total should be reached at the end of March, not end of June.

He considered that Air Force personnel should be reduced to 400,000 and not 819,000, which was the present plan up to the December 31.

He was astonished that the figure of 666,000 for the navy on December 31 had been accepted by the Government. He knew no reason why the Navy should exceed present figures of 133,000 men and suggested a working figure of 150,000 should be taken.

BRITAIN'S NEEDS. With a million in the United Kingdom, the ration strength of the army, 400,000 for the Royal Air Force, and 150,000 for the Navy, there was a total of 1,550,000 men, which he said should suffice for Britain's needs in the immediate future. He understood that there would be 3,842,000 men in the forces on December 31, which in his view meant 2,250,000 redundant and surplus and these should not be retained a moment longer than was necessary to bring them home or set them free if already home.

He contended that the target aimed at should be 1,500,000 and that it should be reached earlier. Mr. Churchill said he would be ashamed to have been responsible for the earliest declarations of the

British Government on the subject and even now that they had been modestly improved, he had no hesitation in saying they fell far below what was both possible and necessary.

VOLUNTEER OFFER. Mr. Churchill added that the men in all three forces ought to know new conditions under which they could continue in the service or could transfer from hostilities only to full-time engagements. He was sure that many if offered the opportunity would wish to remain in the services, but he was assured that no plan had been made for them to continue voluntarily. He had always been a strong supporter of the Bevin Scheme. It must, however, be stated that this scheme was based on the assumption that the Japanese war would continue on a great scale for at least 18 months, after the German surrender.

BEVIN SCHEME. "Patience is a virtue," he said, "but it would be a mistake to insist on a rigid application of the Bevin scheme in the changed circumstances of to-day. I am sure that if the whole position were explained to the Army and substantial payment were forth coming to those who were kept longer than their time, the men would understand and accept the position."

Mr. Churchill added that if the men were given double pay for every extra day they were kept, that would be cheaper than keeping hundreds and hundreds of thousands of men here out of productive work.

The Labour member for Doncaster intervened to ask Mr. Churchill if he was not aware what he was now preaching had been condemned, bell, book, and candle by the men in Burma. Mr. Churchill replied that, however, that might be, he was saying what was now in the interest of the State.

The Royal Air Force, he said, must be maintained on a very large scale, with about 4,000 machines in constant service.

MR. ISAACS' REPLIES. Replying for the Government, Mr. George Isaacs, Minister of Labour, said that none of Mr. Churchill's suggestions was new to the Government. Mr. Isaacs considered Mr. Churchill's speech, "most irresponsible and mischievous."

"Whether it was to help them out of the services or to get them out of temper with the present Government, I do not know," Mr. Isaacs added that any modification of the Bevin Scheme, which would not destroy its fair basis, would be operated. The Government would not keep anyone in the forces if it were possible to take them out. He begged that criticism should be based on a knowledge of the facts and not on surmise. — Reuter and Associated Press.

## IRANIAN PREMIER RESIGNS

Teheran, Oct. 23. Premier Muhsin Sadr who has resigned his position as head of the Iranian Government, but consented to hold the office at the request of the Shah until a new Cabinet is formed.

Sadr has served since June 7, when the Government of Premier Hakkim fell. Earlier to-day, the Iranian Parliament heard the Foreign Minister, Sepahbadi, declare that the Allies had agreed to withdraw all troops from Iran by March 2nd, 1946 in accordance with the Tripartite Treaty. — Associated Press.

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## U.S. Ship Under Fire

Shanghai, Oct. 22. The United States auxiliary ship "Seize" went into action with machine-guns along the Yangtze River early this morning after being heavily machine-gunned from the shore near Chinkiang, about thirty five miles north-east of Nanking.

The "Seize" suffered neither casualties nor damage. When notified of the incident by the American Authorities, General Tang En-po, Commander-in-chief of the Shanghai-Nanking zone, said that the area was full of Communist and promised to do his utmost to prevent recurrence of the incident. — Reuter.

## Arsenal To Build Houses

London, Oct. 22. Woolwich Arsenal may become the greatest factory in Southern England for the manufacture of pre-fabricated housing parts if the plans of the newly-formed Committee of local interests are accepted by the Authorities.

The Mayor of Woolwich, Councilor Chertton, Chairman of the Committee, said: "We are putting forward proposals to get work for Woolwich Arsenal and to save discharges. We do not want it to become partly redundant, as it did after the last war. The Arsenal could play a vital part in the housing drive. Its engineering shops could manufacture all the parts for pre-fabricated houses, which are so much needed to-day." — Reuter.

## FOOD CONFERENCE

Quebec, Oct. 23. The Conference of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization was opened yesterday by Australia's representative, Mr. J. G. Crawford, that it would "be a mistake to ignore the possibility of new surpluses" in farm products and that the success or failure of the Conference "may well depend upon whether we can recommend some way to link surpluses with the needs of the undernourished countries."

India's representative suggested that food should be sold at cheap prices to deficient countries without competing in normal markets. — Associated Press.

## U.S. NAVAL VISIT TO SINGAPORE

Singapore, Oct. 23. The U.S. battleships "Tennessee" and "California" headed the United States naval squadron which entered Singapore to-day.

These are the first American warships to enter the Singapore waters since the Japanese surrender. — Associated Press. Officers and men of the British army and navy made elaborate plans for the reception of the American navy and gave them a warm welcome. — Associated Press.

Mr. F. J. Cellon, manager of the Macao Electric Light Company is in San Francisco and is hoping to return very shortly to Macao.

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## A REAL CANADIAN CITIZEN

Ottawa, Oct. 23. Establishing a new principle in the history of the British Commonwealth, the Government introduced in Parliament to-day a Bill to create a real "Canadian citizen," without altering in any way Canadians' old status as British subjects. — Associated Press.

## Doughboys Restive

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Oct. 23. A group of American soldiers in the Philippines, describing themselves as "bewildered and bitter," sent a mimeographed letter to a newspaper here asking the public to help them get home.

"We are bewildered," said the letter. "We've accomplished our purpose. Now we want to return to normal life. Many of us came over in cargo vessels; we would surely long to go home in them." — Associated Press.

Shanghai, Oct. 23. Lt.-Gen. George Stratemeyer told a news conference to-day: "We hope to see all Americans (troops) out of China by January 1." He declared: "The Japanese have played ball with us pretty well. There have been a few disturbances but they are rare." — Associated Press.

## Chinwangtao Coal Drive

Shanghai, Oct. 23. Chinese in Northern China are indifferent in the struggle between the Communists and the Nationalists, mainly worrying about the lack of coal as winter approaches.

Mine workers near Chinwangtao are striving vainly to produce sufficient coal for Shanghai and other major cities. Transportation is a vital factor and a possibility is seen that some fifty American Liberty ships might be turned over to the Chinese Government in the near future for water movement of coal and other fuel. — Associated Press.

## POISON GAS SHIPS TO BE SCUTTLED

Kiel, Oct. 23. One hundred thousand tons of German poison gas are to be sunk in the deepest part of the Skagerrak—the arm of the North Sea between Denmark and Norway.

The first convoy of four ships carrying gas shells have already left and two more will follow. The ships, being obsolete, will be sunk with their cargoes. — Reuter.

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Night raids on Germany. Field Marshal Eisenhower's welcome to the King on Inspection of Western Front.

World's largest transport "Hawaii-Mara".

Russia's declaration of war on Japan.

Meeting of Pres. Roosevelt, Mr. Churchill and Marshal Chiang.

Australia's Oaok IXth Div. at total war in Burma and Baffin Papan.

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## LEGATION STONED IN CARACAS

DOCK STRIKE  
THREATSLONDON, OCT. 23.—UNOFFICIAL LEADERS OF  
BRITAIN'S DOCK STRIKE  
THREATENED THE GOV-  
ERNMENT TO-DAY WITH A  
GENERAL STRIKE AS THE  
COUNTRY'S MOST CRITI-  
CAL DOCK WALK-OUT IN 20  
YEARS SPREAD TO NEW  
PIERS.The threat followed the bring-  
ing of 3,100 more soldiers into  
the dock area to unload critically  
needed food supplies. The rein-  
forcements brought the total of  
soldiers working on the docks to  
10,000.Some 1,800 more dockers joined  
the 7,000 already on strike in  
the London area, bringing the  
total throughout the country to  
nearly 50,000 men.A large crowd of dockers, meet-  
ing in London this morning,  
heard their leader declare: "There can be no question of  
this strike continuing for six,  
twelve or fifteen weeks. You  
are anxious to resume work, and  
I am anxious to start, too, my-  
self, but we are only prepared  
to return on our own terms. I  
am warning the Government  
that if they do not face up to  
this national dock crisis within  
a month, there will be linked to  
it a great national crisis—and  
a worse strike than in 1926."—  
Reuter and Associated Press.CAMP FOR JAPS  
IN PEIPINGPeiping, Oct. 23.—Japanese  
civilians to-day be-  
gan moving to a concentration  
point in the Japanese-built  
suburb "New Peiping" under  
the orders of Chinese Gen. Sun  
Lien-chung. Within a week,  
all Japanese civilians in the  
western section estimated at  
10,000, must move outside the  
city gates. About 100,000  
others will be moved out later.  
—Associated Press.RESCUE PARTY'S  
CASUALTIESTokyo, Oct. 23.—The Japanese War Ministry  
has reported that four members  
of the Japanese rescue party  
are dead and twenty two are  
missing in their hunt for an  
American plane which was  
forced down by a typhoon on  
Oct. 1st.—Associated Press.

## "WERE WOLF" CAUGHT

Lunenburg, Germany, Oct. 23.—  
Hans Colling, organizer of the  
abortive Werewolf movement and  
Nazi leader of the Hitler Youth  
Movement has been captured on a  
farm near Lunenburg, where he  
was working as a labourer.—  
Associated Press.Excitement In  
VenezuelaCARACAS, OCT. 23.—ARMoured SCOUT CARS CRUISED THE STREETS OF  
THIS REVOLUTION-SCARRED VENEZUELA CAPITAL  
TO-DAY, SEEKING A FEW ISOLATED SNIPERS  
WHO STILL ARE OPPOSING THE NEW OFFICER-  
LED GOVERNMENT, WHICH ANNOUNCED "AT NOON  
TO-DAY THERE WAS NO RESISTANCE REPORTED  
FROM ANY PART OF VENEZUELA."  
A CROWD GATHERED IN FRONT OF THE MEXICAN EM-  
BASSY AND ATTEMPTED TO REMOVE DIEGO  
NULTE SAID, EX-GOVERNOR OF VENEZUELA'S  
CENTRAL DISTRICT, WHO FOUND REFUGE IN THE  
EMBASSY.The Mexican charge d'affaire  
sent the crowd away by telling  
them riflemen were concealed  
in the balconies.Later the crowd stoned the  
Dominican Legation and at-  
tempted to seize cars belonging  
to a member of the Colombian  
Embassy but were dissuaded.  
A small crowd forced the Haiti  
charge d'affaires to place a  
white flag atop his car.—Asso-  
ciated Press.

## SEEKS REFUGE

Caracas, Oct. 23.—Senora Medina, wife of the  
deposed President, had taken re-  
fuge in the British Embassy in  
Caracas, Venezuela.With her is Senor Latre, former  
Health Minister, and his wife.  
President Medina, who was cap-  
tured by revolutionaries during  
the recent revolution, has been  
transferred to the "model prison"  
in Caracas.—Reuter.CARACAS, OCT. 23.—A NEW CABINET, ADAPTED  
TO DEMOCRATIC IDEALS,  
HAS TAKEN THE REINS OF  
GOVERNMENT OF OIL-RICH  
VENEZUELA UNDER THE  
SPONSORSHIP OF THE REVOLU-  
TIONARY JUNTA WHICH  
STAMPED OUT ALL IMPER-  
ANT RESISTANCE, WITH ITS  
COUP D'ETAT, IN A TUMUL-  
TUOUS WEEK-END OF ARMED  
CONFLICT.Romula Betancourt, former  
newspaper columnist, assumed the  
dual role of President and Min-  
ister of the Interior, with a pledge  
that his government assumed  
power only to provide Venezuela  
with "free and direct universal  
suffrage by secret ballot."He promised the nation that he  
would take an energetic part in  
preserving hemispheric unity.  
Betancourt, former Communist,  
who later renounced his party,  
installed his Cabinet dominated  
by the Democratic Action Party  
which is considered left of centre.  
The last major opposition has  
ended.—Associated Press.Pearl Harbour  
EnquiryWASHINGTON, OCT. 23.—A CONTROVERSY REVOLV-  
ING IN CONGRESS TO-DAY  
AROUND THE DATE WHEN  
THE NEWLY NAMED COM-  
MITTEE SHOULD REPORT ON  
THE PEARL HARBOR DIS-  
ASTER OF DECEMBER 7, 1941.Legislation naming the com-  
mittee designated January 3,  
1946, by administration leaders  
are preparing to ask for an exten-  
sion because it is contended that  
it would be impossible to make a  
fair report by such an early  
deadline.Senate leaders said they believed  
the membership is willing but the  
idea is unpopular in the house,  
where Republicans refer to fur-  
ther delays as "stalling."—As-  
sociated Press.Asahi  
OutspokenTokyo, Oct. 23.—The influential newspaper  
"Asahi" to-day alleged that the  
break-up of the Zaibatsu family  
monopoly system of economic con-  
trol, as announced by the Finance  
Ministry, was "merely a reorganiza-  
tion in disguise" and an attempt  
to evade responsibility.  
The newspaper declared that  
Zaibatsu did "their utmost to con-  
tribute to Japan's war effort" and  
"that no one can rest assured  
that there is no danger of their  
embarking again in new  
ventures at some opportune  
moment in the future."—Associated  
Press.AN END TO  
PRIVILEGESak Lake City, Oct. 23.—  
Mr. G. Borensdon, New Zea-  
land's representative to the United  
States, told the English-speaking  
Union that "if the white man does  
not carry his burden in the Pacific,  
another race will carry his coffin."  
Fifteen million or so members of  
the white race cannot hope to  
maintain a privileged position  
among a billion people of other  
races. They cannot do it because  
it is not right," he concluded.—  
Associated Press.

## BRADMAN'S DECISION

Adelaide, Oct. 23.—Cricket officials here to-day  
state that Don Bradman has  
definitely decided not to play in  
any more test matches.—Reu-  
ter.FRANCO'S  
HUMOURMADRID, OCT. 23.—GENERALISSIMO FRANCIS-  
CO FRANCO HAS ISSUED  
A DECREE GRANTING SPANI-  
ARDS FREEDOM OF ASSEM-  
BLY AND ASSOCIATION PRO-  
VIDING FREEDOM OF EX-  
PRESSION IF IT IS "NOT  
AGAINST THE FUNDAMEN-  
TAL PRINCIPLE OF THE  
STATE."Illegal entry into homes is  
prohibited except in "exceptional  
cases."The decree also establishes free-  
dom of residence in national  
territory, right to work, freedom  
of enterprise and right to prop-  
erty.France has stipulated, however,  
that the government must be au-  
thorized to abrogate all individual  
rights in the event of a threat to  
the security of the State.—As-  
sociated Press.Japanese Hankow Crime  
UncoveredHANKOW, OCT. 23.—THE CHARRED BODIES OF THREE AMERICAN AIR-  
MEN HAVE BEEN RECOVERED HERE AND AT  
LEAST ONE WAS BURNED ALIVE, WITNESSES  
SAID.THE SURVIVORS OF A B-29 CRASH 50 MILES NORTH  
OF HANKOW WERE MARCHED MILES THROUGH  
HANKOW STREETS LAST DECEMBER 18, CLAD  
ONLY IN SHORT UNDERWEAR, AND WERE BEAT-  
EN, KICKED, REVILED AND TORTURED.Reliable witnesses said the  
superintendent of the Japanese-  
sponsored "model youth corps,"  
who wanted to be known as a  
strong taskmaster, inspired the  
death march.Japanese gendarmes exhorted  
the crowd to beat them with  
sticks, spit on them and douse  
them with icy water.Witnesses said a Japanese  
dressed as a Chinese civilian  
poked out one flier's eyes with  
a stick."Most of us looked briefly,  
then turned our heads, it was so  
barbarous," said a witness. The  
men were held in a school-house  
until late night, then were  
taken to the suburban crema-  
torium. There, according to  
evidence in American intelli-  
gence officers' hands, they were  
doused with gasoline and set  
afire.Gen. Nasaburo Okabe, the Ja-  
panese commander in the Han-  
kow area, informed the Ameri-  
can officers that his subordi-  
nates who were responsible "are  
not here now but I am trying  
to get in touch with them and  
they will be strictly dealt with."  
—Associated Press.

## JAPANESE REPARATIONS

Tokyo, Oct. 23.—An American reparations  
committee, including Owen Lat-  
imore as adviser, is coming to  
Tokyo. They are to investigate  
what can be taken out of Japan  
while still leaving enough for  
Japanese economy without mak-  
ing it possible for Japan to  
make war again.—Associated  
Press.

## J. H. MARSHMAN

Mr. J. H. Marshman, chairman of  
the board of Marshman (Hong  
Kong, China, Ltd.) and managing  
director of the extensive Marshman  
interests in the Philippines, is in  
San Francisco re-organizing the  
various interests which he con-  
trols.He anticipates very large con-  
struction work in China and the  
Far East in general and already  
has a large number of contracts  
for construction work in the  
Philippines and in China.U.S. ARMY PLANE  
CRASHESAlaska, Oct. 23.—Between twenty-two and twenty-  
five persons were killed when an  
army transport plane crashed in  
a swampy area and exploded.  
The plane was buffeted by a forty-  
mile wind as she attempted to  
land on her arrival from Cold  
Bay in the Aleutians.—Associated  
Press.

## Washington, Oct. 22.

The United States will turn  
over to Belgium under lend-  
lease \$45,000,000 worth of sur-  
plus army goods needed for  
civilian use.—Associated Press.Moscow On  
Mongolia  
PlebisciteMOSCOW, OCT. 23.—EARLY RETURNS FROM  
THE MONGOLIAN PEOPLES'  
REPUBLIC SHOWED UNANI-  
MOUS SUPPORT FOR NA-  
TIONAL INDEPENDENCE,  
THE TASS NEWS AGENCY  
REPORTED.The Outer Mongolians went to  
the polls on Saturday's plebiscite  
to determine whether the area will  
become independent or remain  
under Chinese suzerainty.Tass reported that Uimbat, the  
capital city, voted 24,683 to vot-  
ing in favour of independence.  
The Head of the Republic's  
Buddhist Church has proclaimed  
prayers of thanksgiving, whilst  
the people rejoice, dancing in the  
streets.—Associated Press.

## GUSHING THANKS

Tass news agency, in a dispatch  
from Outer Mongolia, noted  
Premier Marshal Choi Bol San as  
stating: "Our most sincere and  
close friend, the Soviet Union,  
which constantly gives us uninter-  
ested aid in our cultural and  
economic development, and which  
respects our state's independence,  
is the state that recognized the  
right of our people for an inde-  
pendent existence."—Associated  
Press.

## SAIGON SNIPING

Saigon, Oct. 23.—Sniping still continues though  
the situation is improving. British  
and French troops are still comb-  
ing the city for illegal possessors  
of arms.—Reuter.German Air  
Raid LossesLondon, Oct. 23.—About 250,000 German  
civilians were killed or  
missing in air raids be-  
tween October 1940 and the  
end of January, 1945, ac-  
cording to German sources,  
Prime Minister Attlee re-  
ported in the House of Com-  
mons to-day.A further 100,000 are be-  
lieved to have been killed  
between February 1st and  
May 8th, 1945.M.C.C. AGREE  
TO TESTSLondon, Oct. 23.—The Marylebone Cricket Club  
are informing Australia that, sub-  
ject to certain conditions, they will  
send a team to Australia in 1946-47  
and would welcome Australia to  
England in 1948.—Reuter.The M.C.C. statement read: "The  
M.C.C. are informing the Australia-  
lian Board of Control of the  
subject to the concurrence of the  
Imperial Cricket Conference, they  
will be glad to go to Australia in  
1946-47 if conditions permit and  
if satisfactory mutual arrange-  
ments on details can be made.  
Similarly, the M.C.C. will wel-  
come a visit of the Australian team  
to England in 1948. The M.C.C.  
have been informed that all coun-  
ties would welcome a visit from  
India in 1946 and are in communi-  
cation with the Board of Control  
for cricket in India on the admini-  
strative problems to be faced."To-day's decision by the M.C.C.  
to send a team to Australia at the  
end of next year will be very  
popular in Australia, says Vernon  
Morgan, Reuter's Sports Editor.  
It means that England has one  
Summer left to find a team and  
the promised visit of the Indians  
should help considerably to collect  
the best talent available and wield  
them into a team.—Reuter.

## C. R. C. MEETING

A fair number of Chinese  
Recreation Club members turned  
up for the meeting to dis-  
cuss ways and means of reviv-  
ing the Club's activities.The clubhouse has been  
damaged but is still serviceable  
and the tennis courts will soon  
be ready for play. A telephone  
and other facilities are to be  
installed as quickly as possible.Mr. S. W. Liang, the Hon.  
Secretary, writing to the  
"China Mail" yesterday, said  
that the old No. 1 Boy, Ah  
Sheung, is still at the service  
of members, who are invited  
together with their friends.

## DILAWARJI SCRATCHED

London, Oct. 22.—The Aga Khan's Dilawarji, one  
of the best backed Cambridgehire  
candidates, has been scratched.  
Champion jockey Gordon Richards  
is not without a mount. He may  
ride Dilawarji's stable companion,  
Sir Alfred Butt's Paner-wright.  
Dilawarji was recently eased  
in his work—and his scratching  
was not unexpected.—Reuter.New York, Oct. 23.—The weekly roll call of football  
teams placed the Army first, Notre  
Dame second, Navy third, Purdue  
fourth, Minnesota fifth, Alabama  
sixth, Pennsylvania seventh, In-  
diana eighth, Texas ninth and St.  
Mary's tenth.—Associated Press.London, Oct. 23.—The Marylebone Cricket Club  
states that the English countries  
would welcome a visit of a team  
from India in 1946.—Reuter.

## RADIO

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24th, 1945.

2345 HONGKONG Broadcasting on  
Frequencies of 630 Kilocycles and from  
12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.  
and 9.00 to 10.30 p.m. on 9.47  
Megacycles.

H.K.T.

12.30 p.m.—Haydn—"Surprise" Sym-  
phony.

12.55 p.m.—Mozart Songs.

1.00 p.m.—News &amp; Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Rubinstein Playing Chopin.

1.30 p.m.—A Dance Programme.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Harry Roy  
& His Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—News &amp; Announcements.

7.10 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.

7.30 p.m.—Brahms Concerto No. 1 in  
D Minor.8.19 p.m.—Tchaikovsky—"Casse No-  
to" 8.30.

8.42 p.m.—Targos &amp; Wallace.

9.00 p.m.—News &amp; Announcements.

9.10 p.m.—Dance &amp; Variety.

10.00 p.m.—News from London.

10.05 p.m.—Haydn—"Eatonwell" Sym-  
phony.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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